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1. AS PRESAGED IN REFTL 1 CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL THIS AFTERNOON AT 3:30 TO MAKE CLEAR OUR VIEW THAT THE GOC HAS NOT DELIVERED ITS PROMISED COOPERATION UNLESS TOWNLEY IS PRODUCED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

2. I TOLD CARVAJAL THAT ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY PROPPER WAS RETURNING TO THE U.S. THURSDAY (MARCH 23) EVENING WITH THE INTENTION OF REPORTING THAT HIS TRIP WAS A FAILURE AND THAT THE GOC HAD NOT -- AS PROMISED BY THE MONTERO MISSION -- COOPERATED BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT PRODUCED TOWNLEY. I EXPLAINED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT MY LATEST INFORMATION WAS THAT MIGUEL SCHWEITZER INTENDED TO PRESENT ARMY CAPTAINS RIVEROS AND MOSQUEIRA IN JUDGE JUANA GONZALEZ' COURT THIS EVENING SINCE THEY HAD TRAVELED TO THE U.S. ON PASS-PORTS UNDER THE NAMES OF WILLIAMS AND ROMERAL. I SAID THAT

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THIS WOULD BE A MOCKERY OF JUSTICE AND THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO EXPOSE THIS SHAM BECAUSE THE GOC KNEW, JUST AS WE KNEW, THAT OUR LETTERS ROGATORY WERE AIMED AT RESOLVING THE LETELIER CASE. WE WANT THE GOC TO PRODUCE THOSE WHO HAD FIRST APPEARED IN PARAGUAY UNDER THE NAMES WILLIAMS AND ROMERAL AND THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE MICHAEL TOWNLEY AND CAPTAIN ARMANDO FERNANDEZ. IF SCHWEITZER PROCEEDED AS ANTICIPATED, WE WOULD HAVE NO ALTERNA-

TIVE BUT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT RIVEROS AND MOSQUEIRA WERE NOT THE INDIVIDUALS WE REQUIRED AND THAT TOWNLEY AND FERNANDEZ HAD BEEN POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS THOSE WHO TRAVELED TO PARAGUAY. I POINTED OUT THAT THIS WOULD NOT HELP ANYONE AND WOULD, IN FACT, HARM THE GOC.

3. I INFORMED THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT CNI LEADERSHIP ADMITTED TO US THAT TOWNLEY AND FERNANDEZ WERE DINA AGENTS. I SHOWED HIM COPIES OF LETTERS WHICH DEMONSTRATED THAT TOWNLEY HAD BEEN BUYING INTELLIGENCE EQUIPMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GOC IN THE STATES. AND I ASSURED CARVAJAL THERE WAS PROOF OF TOWNLEY'S PRESENCE IN THE STATES IN THE SUMMER AND EARLY FALL OF 1976 AND OF HIS CONTACT WITH THE CUBANS WHO COMMITTED THE MURDER.

4. CARVAJAL RESPONDED IN A WAY THAT GAVE ME THE IMPRESSION THAT, WHILE SINCERE, HIS INFORMATION WAS ABOUT THREE DAYS BEHIND THE POWER CURVE. CARVAJAL SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT BOTH THE WILLIAMS AND ROMERAL WHO HAD GONE TO PARAGUAY AND THE DIFFERENT WILLIAMS AND ROMERAL WHO HAD EVENTUALLY GONE TO THE STATES WERE ON CIA OR U.S. POLICE-CONNECTED MISSIONS BUT THAT THE MISSIONS HAD FALLEN THROUGH. AS TO CUBAN CONTACTS, HE SAID THE GOC WAS PLAGUED WITH THESE BECAUSE THE ANTI-CASTRO CUBANS FOUND THE CURRENT CHILEAN REGIME TO BE IDEOLOGICALLY APPEALING. CARVAJAL TOOK THE STANDARD GOC LINE THAT ANTI-CASTRO CUBANS WERE ANGRY BECAUSE THE GOC HAD TURNED OTERO OVER TO THE U.S.; AND BECAUSE CHILE HAD REFUSED TO GRANT BOSCH GOVERNMENT EXILE. THIS
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RANCOR WAS DEMONSTRATED BY NOVO'S REFUSAL TO VISIT WITH CHILEANS. I TOLD HIM THAT IF HE DOUBTED TOWNLEY'S CONNECTION WITH THE CUBANS IT SHOULD BE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT FOR THE GOC TO PRODUCE TOWNLEY SO THAT PROPPER AND THE FBI COULD QUESTION HIM.

5. I REITERATED AND REEMPHASIZED MY VIEW THAT IT WAS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF EITHER GOVERNMENT THAT THE PROPPER MISSION RETURN WITH THE REPORT OF LACK OF COOPERATION ON THE PART OF THE GOC BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE TO PRODUCE TOWNLEY. CARVAJAL SUMMARIZED MY PRESENTATION IN HIS OWN WORDS; IT WAS VERY CLEAR THAT HE RECEIVED THE BASIC MESSAGE THAT GOC COOPERATION WILL BE JUDGED BY THEIR PRODUCING TOWNLEY. CARVAJAL ASSURED ME THAT HE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SEE THAT THE GOC DOES JUST THAT.

6. CHANCELLOR CARVAJAL JUST CALLED ME (AN HOUR AFTER OUR MEETING) AND ASKED ME TO MEET WITH HIM TOMORROW AT 10:00 A.M. ACCOMPANIED BY PROPPER. CARVAJAL SAID THAT GENERAL MENA AND MIGUEL SCHWEITZER WOULD BE PRESENT ON HIS SIDE; I REQUESTED THAT OUR LAWYER, MR. ETCHEBERRY, LIKEWISE BE PRESENT TO WHICH CARVAJAL READILY AGREED.
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